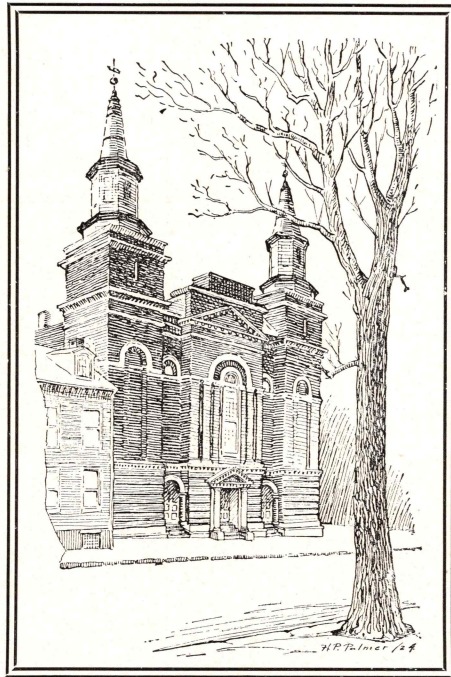


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OF THE
SPECIAL SESSION OF THE
GENERAL CONFERENCE
OF THE
EVANGELICAL SYNOD
OF NORTH AMERICA

HELD IN THE
First Evangelical and Reformed Church
Rev. W. H. Bollman, D.D., Pastor
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FOREWORD

The Special General Conference of the Evangelical Synod of North America, assembled in First Evangelical and Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on June 19, 1940, after amending the By-Laws of the Evangelical Synod in the manner set forth in these Minutes, passed a resolution to print them in the form of a Souvenir Booklet and have a copy mailed to all the pastors of the Evangelical Synod of North America.

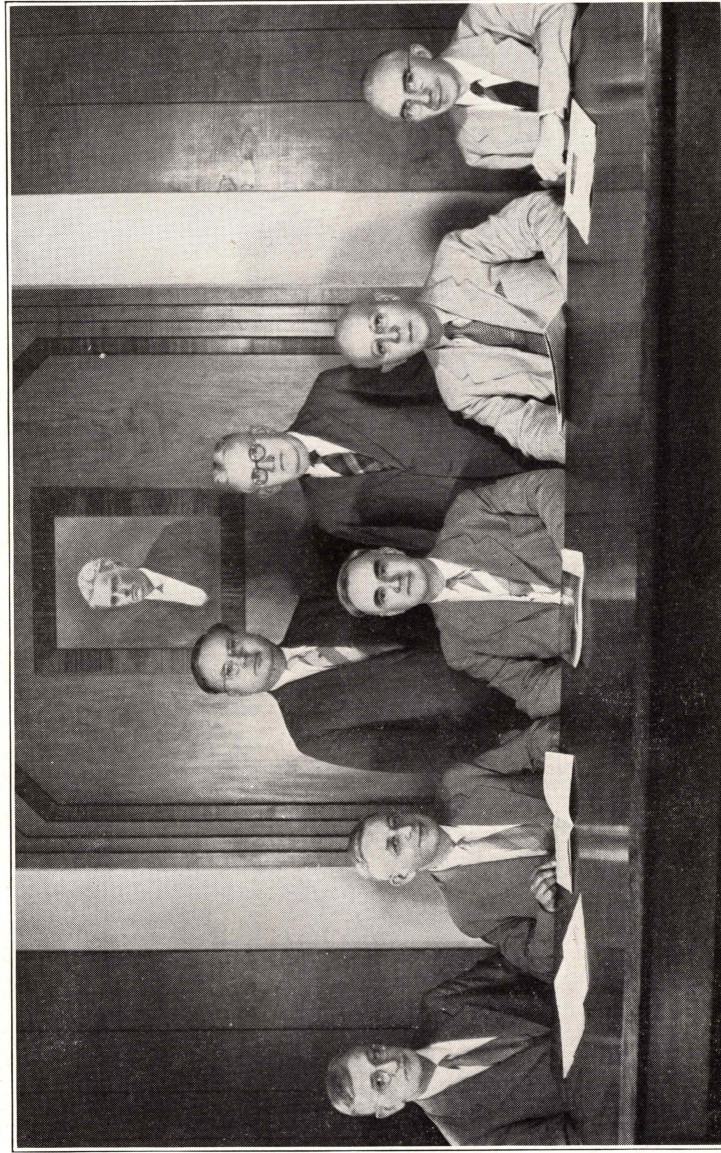
This resolution is herewith carried out. After reading the contents you will no doubt wish to put this booklet among your souvenirs as a keepsake and hand it down to your children to remind them of the historical event when the final step of the merger was completed.

It is for this reason that we have had these last Minutes printed in this rather elaborate form, and we trust it may find your approval.

May Almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, who has blessed us richly, in spite of our weaknesses, during the last one hundred years, be our trust and strength; and may His blessing be upon our Evangelical and Reformed Church now and always, using her as His instrument toward the establishment of His Kingdom in all the world!

F. C. Klick, President.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ♦ EVANGELICAL SYNOD OF NORTH AMERICA



Left to Right, Seated: Dr. F. A. Meusch, Secretary; Dr. Paul Press, First Vice-President; Dr. F. C. Klick, President; Dr. L. W. Goebel, Second Vice-President; Mr. F. A. Keck, Treasurer. Standing: Mr. John W. Mueller, Mr. J. C. Fischer, Members-at-Large.

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of the Meeting of the
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of the
Evangelical Synod of North America

Held at
FIRST EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH

REV. W. H. BOLLMAN, D.D., PASTOR
Lancaster, Pa.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 1940

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MORNING SESSION

The opening devotions were conducted by Dr. Paul Press, who took as the basis of his address the motto of the Evangelical Synod of North America as found in Eph. 4: 3-6. He said, among other things, "Let us take with us into the merger the unity of the spirit which has characterized our Church in the past. Let us cherish the memory of the work which has been performed by the pioneers of our Synod who, amid discouragements and difficulties proved their passion for souls."

After calling the General Conference to order, President Klick read his report, which follows:

To the Special General Conference of the Evangelical Synod of North America.

Dear Brethren:

According to the By-Laws of the Evangelical Synod of North America, a Special General Conference may be called by the Board of Directors of the Evangelical Synod when six Districts request it, and must be called when requested by Districts whose number of delegates to the General Conference is sufficient to assure a majority representation. These conditions have been met, and we

are gathered here this morning for a Special General Conference of our Evangelical Synod to consider a number of resolutions of Districts which pertain to certain changes in our By-Laws.

Since we have gathered for the last time as a General Conference of the Evangelical Synod of North America, it is certainly fitting that we should pause a moment to remember the past and give expression to our sincere gratitude to God for what we have been permitted to do and for what has been accomplished up until now. Our thoughts during this year, in which we celebrate the centennial of our Church, go back to those early beginnings of our Church. How small and seemingly insignificant they were! What tremendous obstacles and difficulties those founders of our Church had to face! How courageously they met them! What sacrifices they made and how unselfishly they labored! This spirit lived through the years in the ministry and laity of our Church and with the blessing of God we have grown into a Church which has its congregations and benevolent institutions all over our land and in India and Honduras. All of this is of the Lord's doings and marvelous before our eyes.

The centennial which is to be observed with other anniversaries of the "R" group, gives us a splendid opportunity to bring to the attention of our Church and to the world at large the things which have been accomplished, not in a spirit of boastfulness but of gratitude for the privilege of serving our fellow-men and of bringing to them the blessed gospel and thus helping to make a better world.

In every congregation of our Church these anniversaries should be observed in special services this fall and it should be a time of renewed consecration to our task and of a wholehearted determination to go forward to greater achievements in the future. Let us give our full support to all the suggestions of the Anniversaries Committee as they come to us and do our part to make the celebration a truly significant and memorable one.

The various Boards of our Evangelical Synod have carried on according to the best of their ability. Every one has been desirous of doing the greatest possible amount of good with the funds entrusted to it. Anyone intimately acquainted with the work of the Boards must be surprised to learn they have done so much with so little. Our budget receipts, as you know, have increased again

during the last year, and the money received over and above the paying basis was turned over to the Debt Liquidation Fund.

Our debt, which at the beginning of the Debt Liquidation Campaign stood at \$371,000.00, has been reduced to \$108,000.00, and we are sure it shall be reduced still more. Congregations which have not met their share of this indebtedness should use the occasion of the centennial celebration to meet their obligation and all those congregations which have raised their share should receive a special offering for this cause at the time of the celebration. If this is done, we should be able to wipe out the remaining debt by the end of 1940. May the Lord make us all willing to do this as a token of our gratitude for blessings received through our Church. The success of the effort to get rid of our debt is due largely to the energetic and untiring efforts of our director of Kingdom Service, Dr. J. P. Meyer.

The Board of Directors of the Evangelical Synod has not, as previously, met monthly since the last General Synod (Columbus) because much of the work formerly entrusted to it had been taken over by the General Council of the United Church. Meetings have been held bi-monthly, or when it became necessary. The President left the St. Louis office last October to become pastor of St. Paul's Church, Lincoln, Nebraska, thereby relieving the synodical treasury of considerable expense. Necessary business pertaining to the Evangelical Synod was done from Lincoln and from the St. Louis office by his secretary.

I do not feel that I should even try to give this Special General Conference anything like a report of the work of the Church. Such a report is the province of others since we are now fully merged. I would, however, feel amiss in my duty if I did not at this last General Conference of our Evangelical Synod express the sincere appreciation of the Church and of myself to all those who gave of their time, their thought and their material things to the furtherance of our work. Especially do I wish to express my gratitude to the Board of Directors, and more especially to the two laymen on the Board, Mr. J. C. Fischer and Mr. John W. Mueller, who have rendered such faithful service to our Church since they became members of the Board of Directors quite a number of years ago.

And now may we bring to the new Church the heritage of loyalty which has been handed down to us from our forefathers,

and give to her our whole-hearted support, that the Evangelical and Reformed Church uniting in herself the strength and consecration of both groups may with greater efficiency and resourcefulness bring to a distracted and war-torn world that message of helpfulness and peace which our great Lord and Master entrusted to us, looking hopefully forward to the time when His love shall fill the hearts of men and He shall reign forever and ever.

Respectfully submitted,

F. C. Klick.

Following the report of Dr. F. C. Klick, the Call for the special meeting of the General Conference of the Evangelical Synod of North America was read by the Secretary:

**CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF GENERAL
CONFERENCE OF EVANGELICAL SYNOD OF
NORTH AMERICA**

WHEREAS, more than six (6) Districts, through their respective District Conferences regularly called and convened, have requested the calling and holding of a Special Conference of the Evangelical Synod of North America; and

WHEREAS, the Districts so requesting such Special Meeting of the General Conference of the Evangelical Synod of North America are those whose number of delegates to the said General Conference is sufficient to assure a majority representation;

NOW, THEREFORE, by reason thereof and by order of the Board of Directors of the Evangelical Synod of North America, a Special Meeting of the General Conference of the Evangelical Synod of North America will be held in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on Wednesday, June 19th, 1940, beginning at 10:00 o'clock A. M., Eastern Standard Daylight Saving Time.

This Special Meeting of the General Conference is called to consider amendments to the By-Laws of the Evangelical Synod of North America, which have been submitted by the petition of a majority of the Districts of the Evangelical Synod of North America; to enact such legislation, adopt such resolutions, do such things and

transact such business as may be properly presented to it or legally within its powers so to do, and to do such things and transact such business regarding the future activities, functions, continuances and dissolution of the Evangelical Synod of North America as it may deem proper; to consider and give final action to resolutions which have been proposed by the District Conferences representing more than a majority of the Districts.

Dated this 16th day of May, 1940.

F. C. Klick

President, Evangelical Synod
of North America.

Attest:

F. A. Meusch, Secretary.

President Klick thereupon announced the appointment of the following committees:

Committee on Credentials

Rev. A. F. Koelling, Iowa, Chairman

Pastors: R. F. Richter, Kansas; O. A. Muecke, Minnesota; W. Bechtold, Nebraska.

Laymen: Henry Stemm, Ohio; Carl Bosch, West Missouri; W. M. Helz, Wisconsin.

Committee on Resolutions

Rev. J. H. Overbeck, Missouri, Chairman

Pastors: Theo. Merten, Ohio; Fr. Frankenfeld, North Illinois; H. H. Lohans, New York.

Laymen: W. H. Witte, Iowa; Paul H. Schulz, Michigan; Fred Baetzel, New York; F. G. Rapp, South Illinois.

The Committee on Credentials reported 62 pastors and 44 laymen as being present. Upon motion, this report was adopted and voice and vote given the delegates present.

Delegates to the Special Session of General Conference

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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It having been determined that a majority of the accredited delegates attending this special General Conference were present, the President declared a quorum established and that the conference was qualified to transact business.

The Rev. F. C. Klick, D.D., was elected as Moderator, and the Rev. Paul Press, D.D. was elected as Vice-Moderator by unanimous vote of the Conference.

The Secretary reported that more than 4 Districts through their respective District Conferences in proper convention, to-wit 17 Districts, had in accordance with the Constitution of the Evangelical Synod of North America petitioned the amendments of the By-laws of the Synod, as follows:

EXHIBIT "A"

WHEREAS, the Evangelical Synod of North America is a corporation and in its corporate capacity holds title to real estate and personal property, securities, choses in action, etc.; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the said Evangelical Synod as such has frequently been and will undoubtedly continue to be the recipient of bequests, devises and legacies in last wills and testaments; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Evangelical Synod is the trustee and beneficiary in trust agreements, which in some instances depend on the continuity of the corporate existence of the Evangelical Synod of North America; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire to protect and preserve the assets now held by the said Synod or which it may acquire until its complete and organic and physical absorption by the Evangelical and Reformed Church can be made complete; and

It is further the desire of the said Evangelical Synod that its present, future and potential rights in legacies, bequests and trust agreements be protected and preserved; and

It is further the desire of the said Evangelical Synod of North America insofar as all ecclesiastical and all fiscal property and financial functions are concerned, compatible and consistent with the spirit and purpose of this resolution as hereinabove stated, to recognize, conform to, and be an integral part of the Evangelical and Reformed Church in all respects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Evangelical Synod of North America in General Conference duly assembled resolves that its continued activity, functions and work be limited, restricted and confined to the principles and purposes hereinabove set forth and that for that purpose, the basic laws of the Evangelical Synod of North America and its By-laws be so amended or repealed as to give practical effect to the spirit, purposes and desires herein men-

tioned, and that the Evangelical Synod, through its General Conference here assembled, delegate and instruct and by these presents does delegate and instruct its Board of Directors hereafter to be known as the Continuation Committee of the Evangelical Synod to do, perform and transact all business, things, duties, and functions of the Evangelical Synod of North America so long as the said Evangelical Synod shall continue to exist, and that the said Board of Directors, in the performance of its duties and functions as herein set forth be governed by the By-laws of the Evangelical Synod as they shall be amended or have been amended by this General Conference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the said Board of Directors shall hereafter regularly report its activities and transactions and be fully accountable for the performance of its duties to the General Council of the Evangelical and Reformed Church at least annually, and at such times as it may be directed so to do by the said General Council of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, That the intent and purpose of this resolution is that the said Board of Directors hereafter function as herein stated and as stated in the By-Laws of the Evangelical Synod as amended, for the mere purpose of preserving and protecting, for the work of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, such properties, assets, rights and privileges which are peculiarly vested in the Evangelical Synod of North America and that the said Board of Directors is not to function in any respect in an ecclesiastical manner or for the purpose of accomplishing any objectives which have to do with the functions of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, except as herein stated.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the _____ District of the Evangelical Synod of North America, duly assembled in session, legally and properly called and convened, with legal quorum present, petition and by these presents does petition the General Conference of the Evangelical Synod of North America to repeal, amend, change and modify the By-laws of the Evangelical Synod of North America in the following particulars:

A.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following By-laws of the Evangelical Synod of North America be repealed, to-wit:

Sections 1 to 112, inclusive, being those sections contained in Divisions 1, 2, 3, and 4 of Chapter A of the said By-laws, and Divisions 1, 2 and 3 of Chapter B of the said By-laws.

B.

BE IT RESOLVED, That Chapter C, Division 1, Article I, Sections 113 and 114 of the By-laws of the Evangelical Synod of North America be repealed and the following section, to be known as Section _____, be enacted in lieu thereof:

“The officers of the Evangelical Synod shall be chosen from those who at the time of their election are members of churches affiliated with the Evangelical and Reformed Church and heretofore affiliated with the Evangelical Synod of N. A.”

C.

BE IT RESOLVED, That Chapter C, Division 1, Article II, Sections 115, 116, 117 and 118 of the By-laws of the Evangelical Synod of North America be repealed and in lieu thereof the following section, to be known as Section _____, be enacted, to-wit:

“The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall be the official representative of the Synod and shall be its President. He shall hold the official corporate seal of the Evangelical Synod of North America and shall affix his signature to all documents, deeds and contracts authorized by the Board of Directors.”

D.

BE IT RESOLVED, That Article III, Sections 119, 120 and 121 of the By-laws of the Evangelical Synod of North America be repealed and in lieu thereof the following section, known as Section _____, be enacted, to-wit:

“The Vice-Chairman shall perform the duties of the Chairman in the absence of that officer, and shall succeed to his office in the event a vacancy occurs in the chairmanship.”

“Vacancies in the office of the Vice-Chairman shall be filled by the Board of Directors from its membership.”

E.

BE IT RESOLVED, That Chapter C, Division 1, Article IV of the By-laws of the Evangelical Synod of North America be repealed.

F.

BE IT RESOLVED, That Chapter C, Division 1, Article V, Sections 126, 127 and 128 of the By-laws of the Evangelical Synod of North America be repealed, and in lieu thereof the following section, known as Section _____, be enacted, to-wit:

"The secretary shall record the minutes of the Board of Directors and shall countersign certificates and documents, deeds and contracts authorized or approved by the Board of Directors."

"In the event a vacancy occurs in the office of the Secretary, the Board of Directors shall elect from its number the successor."

G.

BE IT RESOLVED, That Chapter C, Division 1, Article VI, Sections 129 to 139, inclusive, of the By-laws of the Evangelical Synod of North America be repealed, and in lieu thereof the following section, known as Section _____, be enacted, to-wit:

"The Treasurer shall receive all monies for the Synod, giving his official receipt therefor, and depositing such monies in such bank or trust company as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

"He shall perform such duties as usually devolve upon his office and shall give a corporate surety bond in the penal sum decided by the Board of Directors.

"Vacancy in the office of the Treasurer shall be filled by the Board of Directors from its membership."

H.

BE IT RESOLVED, That Chapter C, Division 2, Article I, Sections 140 and 141 of the By-laws of the Evangelical Synod of North America be repealed, and the following section, known as Section _____, enacted in lieu thereof, to-wit:

"The Board of Directors shall consist of those persons composing it by virtue of the election of officers conducted at the last regular General Conference of the Evangelical Synod held in 1933, together with such persons who may have been elected to said Board of Directors in accordance with the By-laws of the Evangelical Synod to fill vacancies thereon.

"The Board of Directors shall supervise and direct the financial transactions of the Synod and protect the property of the Synod in all branches of its work. It shall represent the Synod in all transactions requiring a legally constituted and recognized Board of Directors. It may receive for the said Evangelical Synod, by gift, purchase, devise, bequest, or otherwise, any property in any state, province or territory, whether it be real, personal or mixed and may convey, sell, lease or encumber the property of the Evangelical Synod, which it now holds or may ac-

quire and shall be invested and is hereby invested with all the powers, privileges, rights, and authority ordinarily and normally vested in a Board of Directors of a corporation in the State of Missouri. It shall execute all corporate powers, including the amendment, change and repeal of these By-Laws. It shall fill all vacancies occurring on the Board of Directors and shall hold such meetings as it may from time to time deem necessary. It shall determine the distribution and disposition of the funds, monies, assets and properties of the Evangelical Synod of North America.”

I.

BE IT RESOLVED, That Chapter C, Article II, Sections 142 to 144, inclusive, of the By-laws of the Evangelical Synod of North America be repealed.

J.

BE IT RESOLVED, That Chapter C, Division 3, Articles I, II, III and IV of the By-laws of the Evangelical Synod of North America be repealed.

K.

BE IT RESOLVED, That Chapter C, Division 4, Articles I, II, III and IV of the By-laws of the Evangelical Synod of North America be repealed.

L.

BE IT RESOLVED, That Chapter C, Division 5, Articles I, II, III and IV of the By-laws of the Evangelical Synod of North America be repealed.

M.

BE IT RESOLVED, That Chapter D, of the By-laws of the Evangelical Synod of North America be repealed.

N.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the General Conference be authorized, directed and petitioned to repeal, change, amend and modify Sections 145 to 183, inclusive, or any of such sections as may be deemed wise, expedient and necessary by the said General Conference.

The proposed amendments and resolutions were read and upon motion duly made and regularly seconded they were, by unanimous vote, referred to the Committee on Resolutions, as were various amendments to the proposals.

Pursuant to the petition of 17 Districts regularly authorized by the respective District Conferences that Sections 145 to 183, in-

clusive, be amended in such manner as the General Conference may deem proper, Mr. John W. Mueller, a duly qualified member of the Conference, introduced the following resolution, which upon motion regularly and properly adopted, was referred to the Committee on Resolutions:

EXHIBIT "B"

BE IT RESOLVED, That Section 149 of the By-laws be amended by striking the section and adopting in lieu thereof the following:

"The Board of Directors of Elmhurst College shall be composed in the manner provided in the By-laws of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and shall be invested with all of the powers of control and administration, including the amendment of charter granted by the General Assembly of the State of Illinois in the Act of Incorporation approved February 16, 1865, all of which powers have heretofore been exercised by the Evangelical Synod of North America."

Voted: To recess until three o'clock in the afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The session was opened at 3:00 P. M. by singing Hymn 91 and by prayer by the Reverend J. R. C. Haas, and was called to order by the Vice-Moderator, the Reverend Paul Press, D.D.

The first order of business was the report of the Committee on Resolutions.

Upon the favorable report of the Committee on Resolutions the following Resolution as amended was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Evangelical Synod of North America is a corporation and in its corporate capacity holds title to real estate and personal property, securities, choses in action, etc.; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the said Evangelical Synod as such, and its boards, commissions, affiliates and branches of its work has frequently been and will undoubtedly continue to be the recipient of bequests, devises and legacies and last wills and testaments; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Evangelical Synod is the trustee and beneficiary in trust agreements, which in some instances depend on the continuity of the corporate existence of the Evangelical Synod of North America; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire to protect and preserve the assets now held by the said Synod or which it may acquire or which may be given, bequeathed or devised by the boards, commissions, affiliates, or branches of its work, after such boards, affiliates, commissions, or branches have ceased to function specifically as such, until its complete and organic and physical absorption by the Evangelical and Reformed Church can be made complete; and

It is further the desire of the said Evangelical Synod of North America insofar as all ecclesiastical and fiscal property and financial functions are concerned, compatible and consistent with the spirit and purpose of this resolution as hereinabove stated, to recognize, conform to, and be an integral part of the Evangelical and Reformed Church in all respects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Evangelical Synod of North America in General Conference duly assembled resolves that its continued activity, functions and work be limited, restricted and confined to the principles and purposes hereinabove set forth and that for that purpose, the basic laws of the Evangelical Synod of North America and its By-laws be so amended or repealed as to give practical effect to the spirit, purposes and desires herein mentioned and that the Evangelical Synod, through its General Conference here assembled, delegate and instruct and by these presents does delegate and instruct its Board of Directors, hereafter to be known as the Continuation Committee of the Evangelical Synod, to do, perform and transact all business, things, duties, and functions of the Evangelical Synod of North America until they have completely lapsed or until the said Evangelical Synod shall have been dissolved, and that the said Board of Directors, in the performance of its duties and functions as herein set forth be governed by the By-laws of the Evangelical Synod as they shall be amended or have been amended by this General Conference, and the said Board of Directors is hereby declared to be the successor to all boards, commissions, affiliates and branches of its work for the purpose of receiving and giving proper receipt therefor for all legacies, devises, gifts, choses of action and properties, real or personal, after the dissolution of such boards, commissions, affiliates or branches which may be given, devised, bequeathed, set apart or tendered to such boards, commissions, affiliates, or branches, or to the uses, purposes, and functions thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the said Board of Directors shall hereafter regularly report its activities and transactions and at least annually be fully accountable for the performance of its duties to the General Council of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, and at such times as it may be directed so to do by the General Council of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, That the intent and purpose of this resolution is that the said Board of Directors hereafter function as herein stated and as stated in the By-laws of the Evangelical Synod as amended, for the mere purpose of preserving and protecting, for the work of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, such properties, assets, rights and privileges which are peculiarly vested in the Evangelical Synod of North America, and to act, in a general way, as Trustee for the said Evangelical and Reformed Church as to such properties, assets, rights, and privileges, without restriction and with full autonomous action excepting as to the final ultimate accountability therefor, and that the said Board of Directors is not to function in any respect in an ecclesiastical manner or for the purpose of accomplishing any objectives which have to do with the functions of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, except as herein stated.

The following resolutions pertaining to the amending and repealing of certain sections of the By-laws of the Evangelical Synod of North America were adopted by more than two-thirds vote of the General Conference, to-wit, by unanimous vote:

RESOLUTION No. II

A.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following By-laws of the Evangelical Synod of North America be repealed, to-wit:

Sections 1 to 112, inclusive, being those sections contained in Divisions 1, 2, 3, and 4 of Chapter A of the said By-laws, and Divisions 1, 2 and 3 of Chapter B of the said By-laws.

B.

BE IT RESOLVED, That Chapter C, Division 1, Article I, Sections 113 and 114 of the By-laws of the Evangelical Synod of North America be repealed and the following section, to be known as Section _____, be enacted in lieu thereof:

“The officers of the Evangelical Synod shall be chosen from those who at the time of their election are members of churches affiliated with the Evangelical and Reformed Church and heretofore affiliated with the Evangelical Synod of N. A.”

C.

BE IT RESOLVED, That Chapter C, Division 1, Article II, Sections 115, 116, 117 and 118 of the By-laws of the Evangelical Synod of North America be repealed and in lieu thereof the following section, to be known as Section _____, be enacted, to-wit:

“The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall be the official representative of the Synod and shall be its President. He shall hold the official corporate seal of the Evangelical Synod of North America and shall affix his signature to all documents, deeds and contracts authorized by the Board of Directors.”

D.

BE IT RESOLVED, That Article III, Sections 119, 120 and 121 of the By-laws of the Evangelical Synod of North America be repealed and in lieu thereof the following section, known as Section _____, be enacted, to-wit:

“The Vice-Chairman shall perform the duties of the Chairman in the absence of that officer, and shall succeed to his office in the event a vacancy occurs in the chairmanship.”

“Vacancies in the office of the Vice-Chairman shall be filled by the Board of Directors from its membership.”

E.

BE IT RESOLVED, That Chapter C, Division 1, Article IV of the By-laws of the Evangelical Synod of North America be repealed.

F.

BE IT RESOLVED, That Chapter C, Division 1, Article V, Sections 126, 127 and 128 of the By-laws of the Evangelical Synod of North America be repealed, and in lieu thereof the following section, known as Section _____, be enacted, to-wit:

“The Secretary shall record the minutes of the Board of Directors and shall countersign certificates and documents, deeds and contracts authorized or approved by the Board of Directors.”

“In the event a vacancy occurs in the office of the Secretary, the Board of Directors shall elect from its number the successor.”

G.

BE IT RESOLVED, That Chapter C, Division 1, Article VI, Sections 129 to 139, inclusive, of the By-laws of the Evangelical Synod of North America be repealed, and in lieu thereof the following section, known as Section _____, be enacted, to-wit:

“The Treasurer shall receive all monies for the Synod, giving his official receipt therefor, and depositing such monies in such bank or trust company as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

“He shall perform such duties as usually devolve upon his office and shall give a corporate surety bond in the penal sum decided by the Board of Directors.

“Vacancy in the office of the Treasurer shall be filled by the Board of Directors from its membership.”

H.

BE IT RESOLVED, That Chapter C, Division 2, Article I, Sections 140 and 141 of the By-laws of the Evangelical Synod of North America be repealed, and the following section, known as Section _____, enacted in lieu thereof, to-wit:

“The Board of Directors shall consist of those persons composing it by virtue of the election of officers conducted at the last regular General Conference of the Evangelical Synod held in 1933, together with such persons who may have been elected to said Board of Directors in accordance with the By-laws of the Evangelical Synod to fill vacancies thereon.”

“The Board of Directors shall supervise and direct the financial transactions of the Synod and protect the property of the Synod in all branches of its work. It shall represent the Synod in all transactions requiring a legally constituted and recognized Board of Directors. It may receive for the said Evangelical Synod, by gift, purchase,

devise, bequest, or otherwise, any property in any state, province or territory, whether it be real, personal or mixed and may convey, sell, lease or encumber the property of the Evangelical Synod, which it now holds or may acquire and shall be invested and is hereby invested with all the powers, privileges, rights, and authority ordinarily and normally vested in a Board of Directors of a corporation in the State of Missouri. It shall execute all corporate powers, including the amendment, change, and repeal of these By-Laws. It shall fill all vacancies occurring on the Board of Directors and shall hold such meetings as it may from time to time deem necessary. It shall determine the distribution and disposition of the funds, monies, assets and properties of the Evangelical Synod of North America."

I.

BE IT RESOLVED, That Chapter C, Article II, Sections 142 to 144, inclusive, of the By-laws of the Evangelical Synod of North America be repealed.

J.

BE IT RESOLVED, That Chapter C, Division 3, Articles I, II, III and IV of the By-laws of the Evangelical Synod of North America be repealed.

K.

BE IT RESOLVED, That Chapter C, Division 4, Articles I, II, III and IV of the By-laws of the Evangelical Synod of North America be repealed.

L.

BE IT RESOLVED, That Chapter C, Division 5, Articles I, II, III and IV of the By-laws of the Evangelical Synod of North America be repealed.

M.

BE IT RESOLVED, That Chapter D, of the By-laws of the Evangelical Synod of North America be repealed.

N.

BE IT RESOLVED, That Section 149 of the By-laws be amended by striking the section and adopting in lieu thereof the following:

"The Board of Directors of Elmhurst College shall be composed in the manner provided in the By-laws of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and shall be invested with all of the powers of control and administration, including the amendment of charter granted by the General Assembly of the State of Illinois in the Act of Incorporation

approved February 16, 1865, all of which powers have heretofore been exercised by the Evangelical Synod of North America."

Mr. John W. Mueller, a qualified member of this Conference, introduced the following resolution which upon proper motion was referred to the Committee on Resolution:

EXHIBIT "C"

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors select a committee consisting of one member of the Board of Directors and one member of each synodical board having funds in the custody of the Board of Endowment and Trust funds and that this committee be charged with the following duties:

1. Determine the interest of the investing boards in the assets of the Board of Endowment and Trust Funds.
2. Liquidate the assets of said Board of Endowment and Trust Funds or convert same into distributable securities, acting, however, in this regard through and with the Board of Endowment and Trust Funds.

The Committee on Resolutions reported favorably on the resolution having to do with the Board of Endowment and Trust Funds, whereupon, upon motion duly made, regularly seconded, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors select a committee consisting of one member of the Board of Directors and one member of each synodical board having funds in the custody of the Board of Endowment and Trust Funds and that this committee be charged with the following duties:

1. Determine the interest of the investing boards in the assets of the Board of Endowment and Trust Funds.
2. Liquidate the assets of said Board of Endowment and Trust Funds or convert same into distributable securities, acting, however, in this regard through and with the Board of Endowment and Trust Funds.
3. Report from time to time progress of its work to the Board of Directors, and finally make its accounting to the General Council of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions presented by above Committee were voted upon favorably by the General Conference.

1) We recommend that the traveling expenses for six men (five pastors and one layman) be paid by the Synodical Treasury. NOTE: These men had been elected as delegates to the Special General Conference and not to the General Synod.

2) Resolved, That the General Conference give the First Evangelical and Reformed Church \$10.00 for the use of the building during the meeting of the General Conference and express our deep appreciation for every privilege accorded us. Reply was made by the Rev. W. H. Bollman, D.D., pastor of First Evangelical and Reformed Church.

3) Resolved, That we express our appreciation to the Board of Directors of the Evangelical Synod of North America.

4) Resolved, That the Board of Directors make arrangements to preserve all records of all the Districts, the place of safe-keeping to be designated by the Board of Directors.

5) Resolved, That the Minutes of this Special General Conference be printed and sent to all E-Pastors and delegates in Souvenir form.

The Committee on Resolutions was dismissed with a vote of thanks.

Mr. Albert Schoch, Treasurer of the Board of Endowment and Trust Funds, reported on the condition of his Fund, showing a total of \$1,360,706.70. Mortgages in force as of January 31, 1940, \$783,415.00.

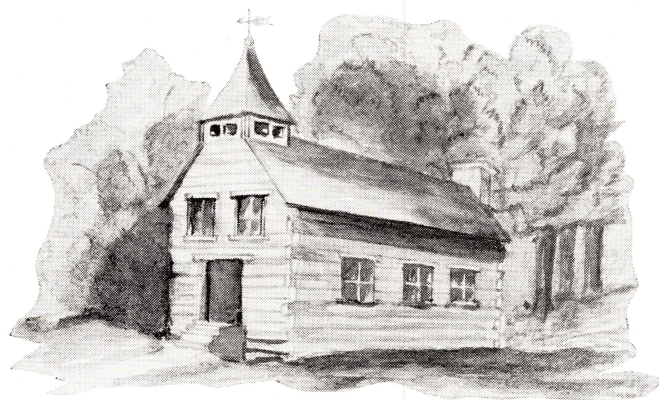
Dr. J. P. Meyer spoke on debt liquidation within our Synod and urged that all do their utmost that the entire debt might be liquidated by the end of 1940.

On motion it was voted to recess until 1:30 P. M. on Saturday, June 22, 1940. Meeting closed at 5:10 P. M. with prayer by the Reverend E. C. Grauer, D.D.

On Saturday, June 22, 1940, at 1:30 P. M. the Conference was duly called to order, and it being determined that a quorum was still present, the Minutes of the special session were examined and adopted and the Conference then adjourned sine die.

F. A. Meusch, Secretary.

Approved: *F. C. Klick*, President and Moderator.

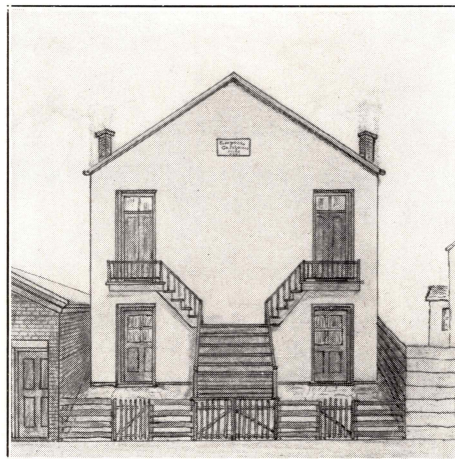


St. John's Evangelical Church, Mehlville, Mo. (Gravois Settlement), where the FIRST GENERAL CONFERENCE (KIRCHENVEREIN) was held October 15, 1840

A CENTURY OF GENERAL CONFERENCES

<i>Year</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Entertaining Church Name of Pastor</i>	<i>President of Evangelical Synod</i>
1840	October 15	St. John, Mehlville (Gravois Settlement), Mo. L. E. Nollau, pastor	Karl Ludwig Daubert
1841	May 3-4	Friedens, near St. Charles, Mo. Philipp Jakob Heyer, pastor	Karl Ludwig Daubert
1841	October 4-5	Evangelical, Femme Osage, Mo. Hermann Garlichs, pastor	Georg Wendelin Wall
1843	June 21	St. John, Mehlville (Gravois Settlement), Mo. L. E. Nollau, pastor	Hermann Garlichs
1843	October 4-5	Zion, Millstadt (Centerville), Ill. Johann Jakob Riess, pastor	Hermann Garlichs
1844	April 24-25	Evangelical, St. Louis, Mo. Georg Wendelin Wall, pastor	Hermann Garlichs
1844	October 4-5	St. John, Mehlville (Gravois Settlement), Mo. L. E. Nollau, pastor	Hermann Garlichs
1845	May 23-26	Evangelical, Femme Osage, Mo. Hermann Garlichs, pastor	Hermann Garlichs
1845	October 16-20	St. John, Mehlville (Gravois Settlement), Mo. L. E. Nollau, pastor	Hermann Garlichs
1846	June 12-15	St. John, Mehlville (Gravois Settlement), Mo. Georg Wendelin Wall, pastor	Johann Jakob Riess
1847	June 4-7	Zion, Millstadt (Centerville), Ill. J. Knauss, pastor	Georg Wendelin Wall
1847	August 25	St. John, Mehlville (Gravois Settlement), Mo. Georg Wendelin Wall, pastor	Georg Wendelin Wall
1848	June 23-27	St. Peter, St. Louis, Mo. Johann Jakob Riess, pastor	Georg Wendelin Wall

<i>Year</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Entertaining Church Name of Pastor</i>	<i>President of Evangelical Synod</i>
1849	February 12-13	St. Peter, St. Louis, Mo. Johann Jakob Riess, pastor	Joseph A. Rieger
1849	June 7-12	St. Paul, St. Louis, Mo. Adolf Baltzer, pastor	Joseph A. Rieger
1850	February 13-14	St. Peter, St. Louis, Mo. Johann Jakob Riess, pastor	Joseph A. Rieger
1850	May 30 to June 4	Immanuel, Holstein (Charette), Mo. Joseph A. Rieger, pastor	Joseph A. Rieger
1851	June 19-25	Salem, Quincy, Ill. J. Chr. Jung, pastor	Georg Wendelin Wall
1852	June 10-17	St. Peter, St. Louis, Mo. L. C. Nollau, pastor	J. Chr. Jung
1853	May 26 to June 1	St. Mark, St. Louis, Mo. Georg Wendelin Wall, pastor	J. Chr. Jung
1853	November 23-25	St. Mark, St. Louis, Mo. Georg Wendelin Wall, pastor	Georg Wendelin Wall
1854	June 15-21	Friedens, near St. Charles, Mo. Adolf Baltzer, pastor	Georg Wendelin Wall
1854	October 10	St. Peter, St. Louis, Mo. L. C. Nollau, pastor	Georg Wendelin Wall
1855	June 8-13	First Evangelical, Burlington, Iowa Th. Dresel, pastor	Georg Wendelin Wall
1856	May 22-28	Zion, St. Louis County (Des Peres), Mo. J. Friedr. Koeving, pastor	Adolf Baltzer
1857	June 11-18	Zion, Evansville, Ind. Chr. Schrenk, pastor	Adolf Baltzer
1859	June 23-30	St. John, Louisville, Ky. Th. Dresel, pastor	Georg Wendelin Wall



*St. John's Evangelical Church, Louisville,
Ky., where the FIRST GENERAL CONFERENCE
met on June 23-30, 1859*

<i>Year</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Entertaining Church Name of Pastor</i>	<i>President of Evangelical Synod</i>
1862	June 19-26	Zion, Cincinnati, Ohio E. Roos, pastor	Gottlieb Steinert
1864	May 26 to June 1	St. John, Louisville, Ky. Th. Dresel, pastor	Gottlieb Steinert
1866	May 31 to June 7	Zion, Evansville, Ind. Chr. Schrenk, pastor	Adolf Baltzer
1868	October 1-7	Zion, Indianapolis, Ind. H. Quinius, pastor	Adolf Baltzer
1870	May 12-19	St. John, Louisville, Ky. Th. Dresel, pastor	Adolf Baltzer
1872	July 18-23	Salem, Quincy, Ill. S. Kuhlshoelter, pastor	Adolf Baltzer
1874	October 8-14	Zion, Indianapolis, Ind. H. Quinius, pastor	Adolf Baltzer
1877	Sept. 27 to Oct. 4	St. Paul, Chicago, Ill. J. Hartmann, pastor	Adolf Baltzer
1880	September 16-23	St. John, St. Louis, Mo. G. Mueller, pastor	C. Siebenpfeiffer
1883	October 24-31	St. Peter, St. Louis, Mo. Albert P. Thiele, pastor	J. Zimmermann
1886	Aug. 25 to Sept. 2	St. Peter, Buffalo, N. Y. E. Jung, pastor	J. Zimmermann
1889	August 21-29	Zion, Evansville, Ind. J. Frick, pastor	J. Zimmermann
1892	Aug. 25 to Sept. 1	Zion, Indianapolis, Ind. J. C. Peters, pastor	J. Zimmermann
1895	August 21-28	St. Peter, Elmhurst, Ill. A. Berens, pastor	J. Zimmermann

<i>Year</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Entertaining Church Name of Pastor</i>	<i>President of Evangelical Synod</i>
1898	September 21-28	Salem, Quincy, Ill. J. C. Kramer, pastor	J. Zimmermann
1901	September 18-25	Zion, St. Louis, Mo. John Baltzer, pastor	J. Pister
1905	September 20-28	Salem, Rochester, N. Y. J. F. W. Helmkamp, pastor	J. Pister
1909	September 21-30	Zion, Burlington, Iowa J. Erdmann, pastor	J. Pister
1913	Sept. 23 to Oct. 1	St. Peter, Louisville, Ky. David Bruning, pastor	J. Pister
1917	Sept. 25 to Oct. 3	St. Peter, N. S. Pittsburgh, Pa. Theo. R. Schmale, pastor	John Baltzer
1921	Sept. 28 to Oct. 6	St. Paul, W. F. Hemminger, pastor St. Peter, H. S. von Rague, pastor New Bremen, Ohio	John Baltzer
1925	October 7-15	Friedens, St. Louis, Mo. Paul Press, pastor	John Baltzer
1927	October 4-7	St. Paul, Chicago, Ill. Jacob Pister, pastor	John Baltzer
1929	October 8-15	Salem, Rochester, N. Y. Fr. Frankendorf, pastor	John Baltzer
1933	October 3-10	Philippus, Cincinnati, Ohio G. W. Grauer, pastor	C. W. Locher
1934	June 26	Zion, Cleveland, Ohio Oscar Wittlinger, pastor	Paul Press
1940	June 19	First Evangelical and Reformed, Lancaster, Pa. W. H. Bollman, pastor	F. C. Klick

(Note: Conferences held prior to 1859 were in the *Kirchenverein* period. The General Conference which convened at Louisville in 1859 is accepted as the FIRST GENERAL CONFERENCE of the Evangelical Synod.)

